

FALSE PERFINS.

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Please have a look at the following perfins in the numbers section: (for those with no illustrated catalogue, I have included the illustrations from Edwards'. Ed.M.R.S.)

| <u>TILLES</u> | <u>EDWARDS</u> | <u>LEGEND</u> |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| - | 0060.02 | 1 |
| 7 | 0070 | 10 |
| - | 0075 | 10 |
| 9.1 | 0090.01 | 11 |
| 9B | 0097 | 12 |
| - | 0160.02 | 2 |
| 25 | 0230 | 3 |
| 40.1 | 0400.01 | 5 |
| 46 | 0460.01 | 6 |
| 55 | 0550 | 7 |
| - | 0600 | 8 |
| 61 | 0610 | 8 |

These perfins all fit in a matrix of two six pins by three pins rectangles and could have been produced on such a device by selecting the appropriate pins. They run from 1 to 12 (except 4 and 9). There is, so far as I know, no identity for any of them.

This does to some slight extent confirm my suspicion that these are not true perfins but a month number (hence the restriction 1 to 12) perforated by the recipient as a dating or security device. The superfluous hole in 0060.02 is perhaps a slight confirmation of this, as may also be that in 0610.

Design 0960 and 0990 in Edwards could also have been produced from this set of pins, but it is not clear what these are intended to be.

(I suspect 0160.02 will become 0160.01 in the next edition)